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SUBJECT: LESOTHO FOREIGN MINISTER IN EAST BERLIN

REFS: (A) BERLIN 5370 (NOTAL); (B) BERLIN 5392 (NOTAL);
(C) STATE 207658 (NOTAL)

1. LESOTHO'S FOREIGN MINISTER CHARLES DUBE MOLAPO,
DURING A FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE GDR (AUG. 15 TO
18), HELD TALKS WITH GDR OFFICIALS WITH DISCUSSIONS
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PRINCIPALLY ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. IN ADDITION
TO CUSTOMARY CEREMONIAL AND TOURIST ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING A VISIT TO THE WALL AND THE
BUCHENWALD CONCENTRATION CAMP, MOLAPO MET WITH THE
FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
(DEPUTY PREMIER) AND MEMBER OF THE SED POLITBURO WERNER
KROLIKOWSKI, WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OSKAR FISCHER AND

WITH DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATES HEINRICH HOMANN.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS THE GDR SIDE PLEDGED SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA AND CRITICIZED IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, RACISM AND APARTHEID IN THEIR VARIOUS MANIFESTATIONS. MOLAPO ACKNOWLEDGED THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE GDR TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND INDEPENDENCE OF LESOTHO.

2. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE PLEDGED THE "ALLIANCE OF THEIR STATES WITH THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE FROM IMPERIALIST AND RACIST EXPLOITATION AND SUPPRESSION." THE REPORT ALSO STATES THAT THE BASIC AGREEMENT OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ON IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS FORMED A GOOD BASIS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD RELATIONS. MOLAPO IS REPORTED TO HAVE INVITED FISCHER TO A RETURN VISIT TO LESOTHO.

3. MOLAPO WAS IN EAST BERLIN DURING THE OPENING DAYS OF THE UN CONFERENCE ON RACISM IN GENEVA (SEE REFS). THERE WAS NO INDICATION IN THE PRESS REPORTS OF THE VISIT THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS DISCUSSED. BOLEN
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